

An Urgent Message to Today's Church *by Tony L. Tuberville*

I am writing to you today as a brother in the Lord, knowing that many of you will reject and despise this message. Others will read and agree with the message yet will make no changes. Some will accept and embrace the message and will diligently seek the Lord's guidance on the matter.

Regardless of which category of listener you will ultimately associate yourself with, please be patient with me. I have much to say regarding the Church and church practices of today.

This message is mainly to Pentecostals, but applies to believers everywhere.

The time has come that Pentecostals must awaken to see the deception that is prevalent among their own ranks. A departure from the Word of God and its clear teaching has become evident in most Pentecostal churches today. The sermons being preached are little more than a humanistic gospel of 'self'.

Many have made shipwreck the faith, casting off the pure, holy, true Word of God for more pleasurable, tolerable ear tickling messages. They have thrown caution to the wind and have been caught up in anything they hear coming from some pulpit somewhere, and all this is done without reconciling these things by the Word of God. We have truly seen Paul's words to Timothy fulfilled in today's church: *"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine..." (2 Timothy 4:3).*

It is with many tears and many prayers that I pen this letter. I see destruction coming and I fear that for some, their hearts are already hardened enough that they will reject this letter in its entirety. Let the chips fall where they may. *Proverbs 23:23 tell us to "Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding."*

A Word About Deception

The world of today is full of deception, compromise, and false experiences. Don't ever be fooled into thinking that you cannot be deceived. You can claim that since you are filled with the Holy Ghost, you can't be deceived, but that is not true at all.

If you believe for a moment that Satan himself cannot appear as goodness or light to you because you somehow have more of the Spirit of God in you than anyone else or that somehow it's because you have more knowledge or attend a particular church, then friend you have already been deceived.

The greatest deception Satan could ever commit is to make one think they are truly in touch with God when in reality they were in touch with a demonic spirit. It is from this viewpoint that many false doctrines, false teachers, and false churches have come into existence.

Allow me to continue as I cover some of the things to which I am referring:

Ethics and True Holiness

Pentecostals have long been known for their adherence to a "standard" of dress even to the point of being prideful over these 'standards'. There is absolutely nothing at all wrong with wearing long dresses for women, long sleeves for men, etc. In fact, if we all would encourage everyone to follow suit, it would sure remove a lot of excuses for those who are struggling with lust!

I believe the church of today does need to take a very bold stand against much of the loose grooming and dress habits that have crept in. The people of God have no business trying to dress in a "sensual" manner in front of anyone who is not their spouse.

If you're not married, you have absolutely NO business at all dressing that way in any public environment. If you ARE married, you still have no business dressing in a provocative, sensual manner in public. Doing so has the potential to cause a member of the opposite sex to lust after you. If that happens, my dear friend, it is not only their problem, but yours as well!

Those aren't my word, those are the words of Jesus! *Matthew 5:28 "But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." Friends, this applies to men as well as women! There are men who dress in a manner gained to draw the desire of women.* This is also covered in the Matthew 5:28 passage..

Women: are you causing men to lust after you? If so, then you are defrauding your brother and causing him to be tempted. Some men are not able resist that temptation! *Proverbs 28:10 "Whoso causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: but the upright shall have good things in possession."* .

Should I even touch the subject of tight, clinging, nearly "see through" clothing? My intention is not to discuss manners of dress. My intention is to discuss Ethics and True Holiness. .

Is it Holy when you can wrong a brother or sister, then deny that you were wrong, refuse to admit guilt and repent? Is that Holy? Is it Holy to accuse brethren and take them to court? Is it? Is it Holy to resort to splitting a church over an issue that has nothing to do with Salvation? Is that Holy? Is it Holy to dress, act, or speak in a manner that offends your brother's conscience when you KNOW that it will do so? Do you mean to tell me that your personal liberty takes precedence over the conscience and the soul of a brother or sister? Is that what you believe? If that is what you truly believe OR what you are currently practicing, I submit to you that you have no clue what Holiness is. .

Are You Mad Yet?

Are you mad at me yet? If you're mad now, give me a few more minutes, then you can really throw a tantrum. Do you mean to tell me that you honestly believe that you can have illegal software, music, videos, etc on your computer yet you still try to tell me you're holy? Remember, if you didn't purchase it, if no one gave it to you and you didn't work for it, it is illegal. If you downloaded music from file sharing sites without paying for the rights to use it, you are stealing.

You can rationalize all you want, but you have violated the copyright laws of the United States by doing so and there is absolutely no justification for such behavior. (Romans 13:1-4) You have a duty to God to obey the laws of our government except when they violate God's law. Friends, copyright laws do not violate the law of God in any form or fashion, nor are they against morality. The bible is clear on this throughout the entire Word of God.

Do you think that Christians don't do such things? Unfortunately, yes they do. Even what the church considers as good, Godly Christian men and women do these things, then we have the audacity to wonder why society frowns upon the church today? When you do the same things as the sinful do, no wonder they call you a hypocrite.

Romans 2:22-24 "Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege? Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God? For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written." .

Do you mean to tell me that according to you and your congregation, that you have the Holy Ghost, you speak with tongues (I will cover tongues a bit later) that you are now washed, sanctified, justified, and holy; that you are a peculiar people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation: and you have the guts to steal software, music, programs, etc and use them illegally, THEN, you tell me that God really "blesses" you when you listen to or use such things? Is that what you are trying to say? Friend, you are deceived.

Don't tell me that God has His hand in your illegal activities and blesses them. You've violated the laws that you have an obligation to obey and that, my brothers and sisters, makes you a criminal. Do you really believe you are saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, yet you throw your soda cans, bottles, paper, plastic, etc out the car window when no one else is looking?

Are you trying to tell me that you can violate the laws of the country in which you live and still lay a rightful claim to being "HOLY"?

Do you really believe you can be a married man or woman and still "check out the merchandise" whether it's at the restaurant, mall, etc? Do you NOT see the danger in "just looking"? Are you blind to that danger? My friend, You are deceived.

Do you mean to tell me that you can go on a date, get into some "heavy" touching a.k.a. "petting" (you are in effect defrauding each other) and that you claim to be Holy still? You are deceived.

Are you so Holy that you can't take away from your "rainy day" money and give a GOOD offering when there is a need such as a family who is struggling with basic needs? Is that Holy?

How can you say you're holy when you can spend \$10,000 for a Bass Boat or some other recreational vehicle, but you can't give \$100 to a traveling evangelist, missionary, etc because it might cut into your 'play' money? Is that being a good steward over God's money? Is that Holy?

You'll spend \$2,000 each year to maintain your pet, from dog food (cat food or other) to collars to vet bills, but you can't give \$200 in a year's time to win a soul, and you say you are Holy Ghost filled, a holy righteous person and that you have a genuine concern for souls?

The truth in all the above examples is that REAL HOLINESS is NOT in the way you dress or your "good intentions", although it's an essential thing to dress modestly. Holiness is not 'acting' a certain way in church, then doing something different at home when nobody is looking. Holiness is in your heart and in your actions toward God and your fellow man.

Slowly Over the Years The church has failed to practice separation from the world. The apostles all taught it and the first church practiced it. We have allowed a few "minor things" to creep in over the years and the churches are seeing the results. The church has become entangled with the bondages of a sex crazed, materialistic culture because it has refused to shun these things. We turn on our televisions and watch it intentionally. We listen to the radio and hear it constantly. We are daily bombarded with billboard advertising, magazine advertising and sinners that want to advertise their immorality everywhere they go. We have intentionally turned a blind eye to these things. What we have in our society today far surpasses anything Lot had to contend with in the gates of Sodom. The "fine arts" of today have turned into nothing more than graphic pornography. Billboards, Magazine Ads, Newspapers all scream their vile, indecent, obscene messages to our children that casual sex is ok, casual usage of illegal drugs are ok, and that our young ladies dressing like a 2 bit prostitute is ok. God help the family, especially the children, that allows MTV, VH1 or such other perversions into their homes. Friends, the church has let these things affect the way they think and we have allowed this thinking to creep into the church. If a change isn't made and made now, the church is going to be in some deep deep trouble in the coming years.

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God help the family, especially the children, that allows the constant stream of perversion into their homes. Friends, the church has let these things affect the way they think and has allowed this thinking to creep into the midst. Don't misunderstand me! People who commit and are bound by these things belong in church! We should NEVER turn them away! The problem is, we do not give godly guidance and correction to stop such behavior. We've turned our heads all under the auspices of "love" and have allowed the proverbial 600lb gorilla to scream from the back pew while we ignore it and pretend it's not there.

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Continue with me on the next page as I discuss "tongues" and spiritual gifts.

The Truth About Tongues and Spiritual Gifts

If you're not mad at me already, this may very well be the page that triggers a reaction.

I have had many Pentecostals and Charismatics express outrage over what I am about to say, yet not a single person, not a preacher, not an evangelist, etc. can produce one solid, conclusive shred of evidence to dispute it. Not a single person out of 1.3 million+ (yes million) visitors to the Elijah Project has been able to refute this.

it matters very little just how long you've laid claim to the "gift" of the Holy Ghost. You had better stop right now and examine the tongues you are speaking in to see if they ARE REALLY THE TONGUES SPOKEN OF IN THE BIBLE.

Throughout the book of Acts we see several passages dealing with tongues (or with speaking in tongues) and they describe tongues very clearly. Unfortunately, the tongues of the bible are often not the same gibberish you hear today.

Before you get angry, remember this: You CAN be deceived even if you DO claim to have the Holy Ghost. Solomon wrote in *Proverbs 14:12* "*There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*" Jesus even warned us in *Matthew 24:4* "*...Take heed that no man deceive you.*" If you believe you cannot be deceived, you're deceived already.

The passages in the book of Acts that deal with tongues are: Acts chapter 2, Acts chapter 10, Acts chapter 19. There are other passages in 1 Corinthians chapters 12-14.

About Tongues

Before I go any further let me say that there are WAY TOO MANY Pentecostals today who believe "tongues" are the FINAL evidence of having the Holy Ghost. That, my friend is not true. The bible itself does not promote that and it is not to be held as any evidence at all that someone is filled with the Holy Ghost.

Satanists speak in tongues. What will you say if and when you hear that?

According to the Bible: speaking in tongues is the INITIAL evidence of the infilling of the Holy Ghost. That is what the Word of God teaches and I'll challenge you to dispute that. If you wish to argue that point, then please provide the Book, Chapter and Verse that states otherwise.

I'm sure that most of you who have been Pentecostal for any length of time have heard such things coming from the pulpits as: "If you're filled with the Holy Ghost, you should be speaking in tongues right now." This is usually followed by a coaxing or an encouragement to open your mouth and "start speaking in tongues right now".

You've also seen those who come down to an old fashioned altar who really are seeking the Lord, begin to stammer and stutter during their prayers. It is usually at this point that somebody will begin to tell them "that's it!", "you've got it" (referring of course to the Holy Ghost).

This is pure baloney.

A quivering lip is no more a sign of the infilling of the Holy Ghost than a milk sign is that there is a cow inside. NO ONE has to tell anyone else when they receive the Holy Ghost. No One! If they aren't sure, then they don't have the Holy Ghost and your telling them they do is only going to cause confusion and it will ultimately destroy them.

If and when they turn their back on God because of this, it is YOU, my friend who will answer to God Almighty on the day of judgment for their soul! Is that a laughing matter to you? Is it a light matter to you? May God help and have mercy upon you if it is.

Proverbs 18:19 "A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city: and their contentions are like the bars of a castle."

Let me get back to the "speak now" thing. If you don't heed anything else I say, I will warn you very sternly to heed this: IF you think you can turn your 'speaking in tongues' on and off according to YOUR WILL, friend, you are deceived and you DO NOT have the Holy Ghost. Oh, I believe you have SOMETHING, but there is nothing HOLY about it. You are a fake and a deceiver and very likely have a lying spirit versus the Holy Spirit. You cannot provide one single scripture that allows YOU to control YOUR particular brand of "speaking in tongues". Not One.

If you begin to just "speak" in tongues because you remember what it sounded like, you are dead wrong. Let me put it this way: If you were to mimic everything I said while I was speaking to you, I would consider it very disrespectful. If you mimic and mock what the Spirit of God has spoken through you, it is considered Blasphemous. You need to be VERY VERY Careful that you are NOT mocking God.

The bible is very clear on this matter: Speaking in tongues is AS THE SPIRIT gives utterance. Don't try to say that you are "so in tune with the Holy Spirit" that you can just speak anytime you want to. That is not true and there is NO scripture to support it. You cannot command the Spirit of God "at your will" .

There is one thing the Pentecostal Church of today needs to get right: Tongues are the LEAST of all gifts.

It is better for you to covet to PROPHECY. Those aren't my words, my dear ones. It is not my intention in this particular study to get into the descriptions of the gifts and their operation. It is my intention to call a church to repentance over the deception that is being allowed to flourish.

For a study on the gifts and exposing the abuses of them please see the page entitled Exposing False Gifts. In that study, every gift is covered and is explained in detail. Don't misunderstand me: I DO believe in the Gifts of God. I just believe there has been too much deception in their occurrences.

Deception

Allow me to present some examples that I have seen personally. I know that you have seen these atrocities if you've been anywhere around Pentecostal or Charismatic Churches:

There are those who will jerk their bodies, swing their arms, double over, etc. then break into speaking some nanananababababa gibberish and will instantly open their eyes to see who is watching. If someone happens to be staring straight at them, they'll break back into their little routine.

THAT is deception and it is NOT of God. It is time to call things for what they are.

There are others who come up for prayer then as the minister and other elders lay hands upon them, they look back just before falling? Do you know why they have to do this? Because they are FAKES and they are trying to deceive you into thinking that they are somehow more spiritual than you. It is deception.

I can say that in every church in which I have ministered, I do not EVER allow a "catcher" to stand behind someone. If you fall back onto a carpet padded concrete floor, you had better KNOW that it is God who is moving upon you, otherwise you will be going to the hospital. Sue me in a court of law if you wish, but I will be glad to go to court to expose you for the deceiver you are.

For the real ones, there is testimony after testimony, however that "someone" caught me and laid me down. I have NEVER seen an injury to anyone who is overwhelmed by the power of God and I don't expect to ever see one. I will not and cannot support deception or deceivers by placing a "catcher" behind them!

There are still others who will shout, praise and speak in their (ahem) "prayer language" all during the music, but the very instant the music stops, so does everything else. Yeah..sure...whatever. You can believe those deceivers if you wish. The Spirit of God is NOT SUBJECT to whether music is playing or not.

I was at a recent Youth Camp in which the young people were allowed to run (supposedly in the "spirit"). Well, it was SOME spirit, but not a HOLY ONE. Get mad at me if you will but someone has to speak the truth about the lying chaos that has entered the church in the name of "spirituality". This chaos continued for quite some time and I witnessed many of these young people pushing people, running into and nearly over people, tripping over chairs, knocking a table over in one instance, and even falling upon an elderly man. Godly? I think not. Good order and discipline? I think not. Lack of Proper Teaching, Instruction, Guidance and Understanding of the Holy Things of God? Absolutely.

Do I fault the young people? Not in the least. I fault the propagators of this deceptive behavior and those who will not lift a finger to correct, in love, the offenders. I know many of you are probably thinking very ill of me by now and that's ok.

The truth of this matter is that we ALL need to examine whether these things are of God. If they are of God, why then do many of them violate the scriptures? If they are not of God, why do you support them and even encourage them? If you are ignoring these types of things and looking the other way, then YOU are propagating a lie and encouraging those who do these things to continue. It would do you well to read Romans 1:32.

Summary on "Speaking in Tongues"

There are many, many other examples of abuses, but I think these will suffice for now. Let me briefly touch on Tongues again before we move on.

Once again, you may read the study entitled Exposing False Gifts for more information on the real gifts of the Spirit.

I've heard Saints say "I've known "so and so" for X number of years and I've NEVER heard them speak in tongues". My question for you is "So"? Just because you have never heard them, does that mean they haven't nor does it mean they should!

Does it mean that YOU "must" hear them in order to believe they are filled with the Spirit of God? I personally have never seen many of these people read their bible, conduct personal prayer time, pray with their families, pray over their children or testify under the anointing of God, but I don't necessarily doubt that they do. No one has a right and certainly has any biblical precedent to tell someone "if you're not speaking in tongues, you're going to hell".

It is by your FRUIT that I can see your life, not by the manifestation of ANY spiritual gift. I read that though Paul spoke in tongues on a regular basis, it was apparently a rare thing to hear him speak in tongues in church. 1 Corinthians 14:18-19. It would do you well to read and understand 1 Corinthians 12:27-30.

One more issue before I cease speaking about this matter: Don't ever fall for the "just say _____" over and over catch phrases routine (insert your favorite phrase here..Jesus, hallelujah, etc). There are NO phrases you can say to "make" God give you the Holy Ghost.

To even attempt such things is an attempt at manipulating God which is in effect, Witchcraft!

Additionally, the repetition of a phrase over and over at it's very least, is CHANTING and "VAIN REPETITION". There was a time when practical holy living, not tongues, was the final test of the Pentecostal religion.

The tragic trend now is to tone down the separated life of holiness and emphasize the matter of some sort of Holy Ghost manifestations and tongues-speaking. The church has turned from being a lifestyle oriented church to one of following signs and wonders.

Tongues-Speaking is not and should not ever be the identifying mark of a holy life. If that is your belief and your basis, dear one, you are quite deceived in your religion and you need to re-examine (perhaps even examine for the first time) the scriptures.

"For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?" (1 Corinthians 4:7).

Enough on Tongues. Let me move on.

Godliness

One modern Pentecostal slogan today says, "Expect a miracle every minute." Of course, that statement really references a materialistic miracle. One has only to search the pages of the bible and it becomes readily apparent that God does not intend for Christians to live with this "miracle-every-minute" attitude and especially NOT when it comes to material goods.

This gospel of health and wealth and the 'word-faith' (false) gospel has fostered an environment of greed and covetousness across today's modern Christian churches that it has turned the hearts of men away from complete trust in God and has created the illusion of security in the minds of those who embrace this teaching. Sufficiency in Christ alone is being destroyed with this materialistic perversion of scripture.

Pentecostals (and others) who embrace these doctrines almost always come to these two (false) conclusions: (1) that sickness and poverty are signs of God's disfavor and displeasure, and (2) health and wealth are signs of God's seal and favor upon their life.

The two conclusions above are simply not true and the Word of God is painstakingly clear about it. Even good, godly people are poor and many are sick. Even those who teach the "health and wealth" gospel become ill. The only true sign of God's favor is the saving grace of Jesus Christ, regardless of one's circumstances or physical condition! Paul even warned about this in *1 Timothy 6:5-8* "... *destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.*" . .

Gain is not godliness, but godliness with contentment is most certainly: gain. .

I have seen several things happening along this line of teaching. The church today is confusing some valid, Godly terms with those of Charismatics and New Agers: Faith is being confused with positive thinking; zeal with enthusiasm; tact with diplomacy; and wisdom with psychology. .

The Spirit of God promises Faith, Tact, and Wisdom. .

Positive thinking, zeal and enthusiasm are not biblical, spiritual traits. They are works of the flesh. It is the FLESH that seeks and manifests positive thinking, enthusiasm, diplomacy and psychology. .

There is only one way to discern and know the differences: You must be Biblically sound in your doctrine and you must learn to rightly divide the Word of Truth!. .

...Praise and Worship

I have a very serious issue with the music that has crept into today's Pentecostal Churches. .

As a child, I remember the old time genuine camp meetings, where everybody, regardless of social status came together to worship, to praise and to hear truly anointed preaching. There was a great reverence, repentance, and restitution that showed itself in the testimonies of the people, and in the singing. .

The Gospel songs of yesteryear were written following the Word of God and the ideology of the bible. Holy living, bible reading, family altars, family bible time and soul-winning marked Christian's lives as a result of such genuine heart moving worship and praise songs..

I understand that songs alone are not the basis for our Christian worship and praise, however, it is more and more obvious every day that Christian music is becoming somewhat less than the praise, worship and glory to God that it should be. The music itself is growing so close to the hard rock of the '60's and '70's that unless the church wakes up and turns away from the uncertain sound of that trumpet, there is going to come a time when Pentecostals are going to have to deal with Pure Demonic power that will dominate the music of the church and the lives of its congregations..

I could give you no fewer than 6 examples of situations where young girls have filled their minds with the rock beat of today's "so called" Contemporary Christian Music and ended up hissing like snakes and wiggling like worms across the floor. Christian musicians have no place and no business sounding like or trying to imitate the world's rock. You say it's done because it draws the kids? You say it's what keeps them? You say it's what they need? .

No wonder many churches are in shambles. No wonder few are being saved. No wonder, church teens are becoming pregnant, contracting sexually transmitted diseases, diving headlong into a culture of piercing, cutting, tattooing, and are being stricken with the depression that follows. .

No wonder parents are now constantly facing overwhelming rebellion from their teens. No wonder teens are leaving home and leaving the church when they come of age, many never to return. .

After all, if they hear the same music, wear the same clothes, do the same things in the church as the world is doing, what is the difference?.

Biblical separation must be applied to our choirs, to our singers, and to all of our musicians. We have sacrificed deep Biblical teaching in favor of our Saturday Night "singings" and unless the church wakes up NOW and separates themselves from the music of the world, the church WILL become even more "worldly".

Since our churches strayed from the old hymns, got away from the spiritual songs and the songs that actually contain a gospel message, I have seen an almost uncontrollable demonic power that has gripped today's thin-skinned Christians and has plunged them into a "FORM" of Godliness, but there is no power to live a godly life. .

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More About Music

We need a TRUE revival that will open eyes, prick our hearts and draw us back to the roots of the faith. It is my firm belief that when true revival comes, it will show not only in our lives but in our music as well. It will no longer be sound track induced, or music limited to a handful of choir members or to a couple of song leaders but congregational singing will be prevalent in a mighty way. I believe the music will be ingrained in the hearts of the Saints in a true revived church and they will sing because of the glory that is in them.

Ezekiel 26:13 refers to backslidden Israel as does Amos 5:23. Do you know what those verses say?

They call the music of backslidden Israel "noise" Just plain ol' noise. That description certainly fits much of today's contemporary (so called) Christian music...Noise.

Have you ever read Ezekiel 28: 12-13? Do you realize the "tabrets" and the "pipes" created in Satan are musical instruments? Would you think if Satan knew what kind of music pleased God, that he also might know what kind of music would displease God? Do you think he could infiltrate the musical culture of today to do so? I'll let you answer that one for yourself.

I have read of at least 2 recent "Contemporary Gospel" songwriting contests which state some of the "rules" for the composition of the hymns. . There are 4 categories listed for these contests: contemporary-traditional, contemporary, folk and rock-jazz.

The rules state that words like "righteous and righteousness", "cleansing", and phrases referring to "washing in the blood" or "offensive terms" such as those that (I quote) "demean classes of people as in homosexuals"; should not be used. . In other words, you can't mention that homosexuality is wrong and you can't use the words sodomy, sodomite or Sodom.

You also can't mention that Jesus was the sacrificial lamb who takes away the sin of the world and you certainly can't mention that his red blood washes away your black sin and makes you whiter than snow!

I ask you: What kind of "Christian" songs are being promoted here? Are they even Christian at all? All I can say about this is that these guidelines are entirely unscriptural and they wreak of something more sinister: Demonic Influence.

Preaching, Teaching and Bible Study

Did you know every apostasy recorded in church history was a result of previous leaders who deviated from true holiness, who quit preaching and began “tolerating” and who began by rejecting the “old paths” of God as “outdated” or archaic? Do your own research. You will come to the same conclusion.

Where are the real Bible Study Conferences in which a congregation would sit down WITH THEIR BIBLES IN HAND and search out what they believe attempting to validate their beliefs with the bible. Today, people try to verify the bible with their beliefs, twisting scriptures and omitting others thus attempting to make the bible say what they believe rather than making their beliefs line up with the Word of God!

The only Bible conferences you see now, even in Pentecostal ranks are those that want to argue over which new, damnable (per)version of the bible to use.

The preaching of repentance and holy living is no longer heard from many of our pulpits.

The fundamental principles of the Bible are being left in favor of blind loyalty to a pastor, teacher, elder in spite of his departure from the Word of God. Say one word today about a preacher’s (mis)conduct and you are the one who is questioned.

No longer are the ones in our pulpits living an exemplary life above reproach or are requiring it from their members, but they are instead, indulging in their own sinful pleasures and trying to justify it because they happen to be a “minister”.

Folks, this is wrong, dead wrong.

It's time that GODLY men and women stand up and cry out against sin and cry out against a departure from the true Word.

It's time we demand complete and total honesty from those in the pulpits and hold them to standards of unwavering godly conduct!

Let's conclude this matter.

Where Do We Go From Here?

Let's face it. Many churches today attempt to use "tongues" as a means of operating an exclusionary congregation. There is nothing more holy about you if you 'speak in tongues'. Likewise, there is nothing less holy about someone who does not! If you believe your congregation, your church, your circle of friends or YOU are somehow 'more holy' or 'more godly' than someone who does not speak in tongues, friend, let me warn you. This is haughtiness and pride and I can assure you this by the Word of the Living God: God WILL bring you down for it. You have lost your humility and your meekness and you need to repent of your evil.

We need to be completely led by the Spirit of God and should test everything by the WORD OF GOD. (1 John 4:1, 1 Thessalonians 5:21).

We need to properly understand the gifts of God to the church and USE THEM according to GOD'S Manner. (Ephesians 4:11-16).

There are way too many men trying to buffalo their way into the churches. I've known of MANY who have lived ungodly, damnable lifestyles, backsliding numerous times; who come back into the church and expect to be in the pulpit in a couple of weeks after their return. The sad part is that many Pastors are allowing this to happen.

It is the Pastors duty to protect his flock and to ensure that only WELL QUALIFIED men are placed in a position to present the Holy Word of God to the flock. What needs to happen is that men like those whom I have described need to remain seated and SHOW THEMSELVES to be (1) Faithful to God, (2) Faithful to the Church, (3) Faithful to the Pastor, (4) Supportive of the Church and the Pastor, (5) Able to handle adversity and to live godly even in hard times and (6) Patient enough to allow their "gift" to make a place for itself.

Any other way is NOT of God. We need to realize that God will supply all our needs, but we also should realize that it RAINS upon the just and the unjust. (Romans 8:28...ALL THINGS).

Our praises and our music should be SPIRITUAL. They should honor Jesus, exalt Him, Glorify Him in REVERENCE and in ADORATION. Music should be a form of Proclaiming God and his goodness! Too many songs today do not even mention Jesus and certainly contain no praise except for the one who is singing.

We need to get back to the basics of the BIBLE in understanding that the Word of God is the Clear and FINAL authority in the Church and that the SCRIPTURES ARE GIVEN FOR THE PERFECTING OF THE MAN OF GOD.....(2 Timothy 3:16-17). Remember also that the Man of God is given for the PERFECTING OF THE SAINTS. (Ephesians 4:12).

We should learn once again to AUDIBLY praise the Lord. We should get back to praying, fasting, and allowing God to speak to us and through us. We should pray that God will give to the church and to the each individual Christian, purity and power, righteousness and understanding from the Word of God. Power without a pure heart is a false, fake, bold faced lie. There is no such thing as real godly power while possessing a dark, sinful heart. That is simply a form of godliness but the real power is missing.

We need Pentecostal churches, but only ones founded upon a Solid Biblical Foundation of Truth.

We need Churches where the Fires of Pentecost Still Burn.